



Rick Beyer

April 20, 1947 - April 20, 2018

Rick Beyer, 71, of Zeeland, passed away suddenly on Friday, April 20, 2018. Rick was born January 31, 1947, to Gerald and Mildred (Van Omen) Beyer. He graduated from Zeeland High School and Western Michigan University and became the industrial arts teacher at Holland High School. Rick was a devoted teacher and was instrumental in the start of the Ottawa County school/work co-op programs at the Careerline Tech Center. His true love in teaching was helping those students that were not college bound find meaning and skills. He retired from full-time teaching in 2004 and continued an additional 5 years part-time in retirement. He enjoyed antiques and spent his time in retirement as a busy antique dealer. Rick was a member of Second Reformed Church of Zeeland where he served as a deacon and an elder. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carla, their children and grandchildren: Chad Beyer (Jamie, Corey, Jessica) of Zeeland, Michele and Jeremy Westhuis (David, Samantha) of Willow Grove, PA, Ryan and Erin Beyer (Seraphim, Neveah, Jael) of Overisel, Marc and Sarah Beyer of West Olive; his brothers: Doug and Vicki Beyer, Jon Beyer; in-laws: Kathy and Ron Wittingen, Mary Heyboer, and many extended family and friends. A service to honor and remember Rick Beyer will be held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at Second Reformed Church of Zeeland, 225 E. Central Avenue, Zeeland. His pastor Rev. Karsten Voskuil will officiate. Visitation will be 5-8 pm, Tuesday at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either the Careerline

Tech Center or Hospice of Holland, both of which were important to Rick.

Tribute Wall



“ Rick Beyer

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ I just heard that Rick passed away. I am so sorry to hear this. As cousins, the same age, we did a lot together as kids. I have many fond memories. My sincere condolences.”

A friend - June 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Carla, we are so saddened to hear of Rick's passing. Praying for peace and comfort for you and your family.”

Jim and Jo Rynsburger - May 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mr. Beyer was an amazing man and he will be missed.”

Heidi Hackett - April 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Heartfelt condolences to the entire family, and specifically to Chad Beyer. So sorry for your loss brother.”

David De Back - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TL

“My condolences to the Beyer family. Rick was such a kind and caring person, and always showed that kindness to the many, many students he worked with. He leaves a legacy of many former students who have better lives because of Rick's advocacy and influence on them. God bless you as you remember and morn.”

Tom Langejans - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SA

“I am absolutely heartbroken to hear of Rick's passing. He was one of the kindest, sweetest men I've ever known and I'm so blessed to have called him friend. I've been "across the aisle" from Rick for years at Not So Shabby and have always looked forward to the times our paths crossed so I could hear his antiquing stories and stories about his family. He sure loved all of you!! What a sweet soul. I'm in shock and so very sad. You just never know do you... Prayers going up for each and every one of you in the loss of this incredible man ~ Shelly Andrade, Shizzle Design”

Shelly Andrade Andrade - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LO

“Rick, my Not So Shabby friend, Rest In Peace. You will be greatly missed. We all loved you, and thank-you for all you did. Carla you are in our thoughts and prayers.”

Lori - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“Rick,
Thank you for the many students who you helped find welding jobs for. It was a privilege to work with you at the Careerline Tech Center. You will be missed. Jack Ter Haar”

Jack Ter Haar - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SB

“Dear Carla and family, Words are not adequate to describe the love and respect I have for Rick. He patiently mentored me when I became a co-op coordinator at Careline Tech and we became fast friends in the process. Rick established so many policies and programs that are still used statewide today. People from other districts always sought his advice. He worked tirelessly always going way beyond what was required. Rick deeply loved Carla and their four children. I had the pleasure of getting to know many of you and want you to know that you are truly in my prayers at this time. Most of all, Rick is a solid Christian that I look forward to fellowship with again!”

Steven Butts - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TT

“Rick always saw the best and helped my non-traditional students at Holland High and was very much appreciated. Many condolences to his family.”

Tamsin Troff - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BS

“Dear Carla and Family, My sincere condolences on the loss of the very kind and compassionate man Rick was. He was so helpful to me when I moved from the classroom at Careerline Tech Center to the Placement Department. He shared his knowledge willingly and assisted in building an effective team environment. It was a joy to work with him. May God bring you peace in the knowledge that Rick lived life well and is now with his God. Sincerely, Barb Schepel,”

Barb Schepel - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MG

“I know your pain. My heart goes out for you and your family.”

MARK GORTSEMA - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM